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NEW WEBSITE FOR MARINE TRAINING LAND, AIRSPACE ACQUISITION PROJECT

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. --As a result of a realignment of military installation website hosting throughout the Department of Defense, there is a new website location where the public can find information related to the project for potential Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live Fire and Maneuver Training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. Stakeholders should use <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G4InstallationsandLogistics/LandAcquisition.aspx> to acquire the newly organized project web page.

Information that has been previously available to the public on the project website remains available, including up-to-date briefing slides, description papers, issue papers and much other information of relevance to the project, including the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements.

The Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment project's Final Environmental Impact Statement was publically released on July 27, 2012. The FEIS reflects nearly four years of environmental-impact analyses, public review and comment, and environmental surveys. The Secretary of the Navy is currently scheduled to release a Record of Decision (ROD) on the project in late November or early December of this year. If the Secretary of the Navy approves the ROD, the Department of the Navy and the Bureau of Land Management will prepare a draft legislative proposal to implement the land-withdrawal request. The legislation would then be subject to Congressional and Presidential review. The ROD's airspace proposal would be reviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration in its rulemaking process as well, which will also provide for public comment.

Approval of the project would allow the Marines to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training for three Marine Expeditionary Battalions to converge simultaneously on a common objective. Currently, there are no installations in the US military inventory with sufficient capacity to fulfill this Marine Corps training requirement.

For Further Information, please contact 29Palms Training Land/Airspace Acquisition Project by phone or email at 760-830-3764 or SMBPLMSWEBPAO@usmc.mil, by mail at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, Bldg. 1554, Box 788104, Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8104, or at the project website: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G4InstallationsandLogistics/LandAcquisition.aspx>